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SHORTAGE OF LAW OFFICERS IN CBI
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of law officers in the CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of posts of investigating officers and other employees in CBI to improve the working of the said investigating agency?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS .(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)&(b): As on 01.12.2008, out of the 230 sanctioned posts of law officers in the CBI, 74 posts were lying vacant as per details below

Post	Sanctioned Strength	In position	Vacancy
Additional Legal Advisor	6	3	3
Deputy Legal Advisor	20	18	2
Senior Public Prosecutor	67	51	16
Public Prosecutor	96	60	36
Assistant Public Prosecutor	41	24	17
Total	230	156	74

Some of reasons for delay in filling up of vacancies are: Lengthy process of filling up of vacancies. Non-availability of suitable candidates in the feeder grades.

(c): Occurrence of vacancies and their filling up is a continuous process. However, Government has taken all necessary steps to ensure filling up of vacancies in time, which inter-alia include:

(i) Grant of Special Incentive Allowance @ 25% of Pay-Dearness Allowance upto the level of Senior Superintendent of Police and @

15% for officers above that rank to attract officers on deputation.

(ii) Amendment of recruitment rules for various posts from time to time to meet the requirements of the CBI.

(iii) Decentralization of induction of Inspector on deputation in order to ensure speedy and smooth recruitment process.